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1. AT FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY, EMBASSY INFORMED
MFA DIRECTOR OF NATO AFFAIRS, VAN EEKELEN, AND HEAD
OF MILITARY COOPERATION SECTION, DUYVERMAN, OF SECDEF'S
PLAN TO SPEAK ON US-SPANISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AND US
PLAN TO INTRODUCE LANGUAGE ON SPAIN AND NATO INTO DRAFTING

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OF DPC COMMUNIQUE.

2. AFTER READING DRAFT LANGAUGE, WHICH HE HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE, VAN EEKELEN COMMENTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF SPAIN IN CONTEXT OF NATO SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL PREVIOUS DAY. FONMIN TOTATLLY NEGATIVE ON INCLUDING ANY MENTION OF SPAIN IN THAT COMMUNIQUE. VAN EEKELEN THOUGHT THAT FONMIN MIGHT SUPPORT REFERENCE TO SPAIN IN DPC COMMUNIQUE, BUT NOT REFERENCE GOING SO FAR AS US DRAFT LANGUAGE. BEST THAT FONMIN MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT AGREE TO SUPPORT WOULD BE "FACTUAL REFERENCE" ALONG LINES THAT "DPC TOOK NOTE OF US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE WHICH US-SPANISH DEFENSE COOPERATION PLAYS IN DEFENSE OF THE WEST."

3. DUYVERMAN, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY DEFMIN VREDELING TO DPC, COMMENTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION MAY 20 THAT VREDELING WAS OPPOSED TO ANY MENTION OF SPAIN IN DPC COMMUNIQUE. BOTH FONMIN OFFICIALS AGREED THAT VREDELING WAS MORE NEGATIVE ON SUBJECT THAT VAN DER STOEL, BUT THAT HE MIGHT BE OPEN TO PERSUASION BY LATTER.

4. AS VREDELING LEAVING FOR BRUSSELS LATE MAY 21, VAN EEKELEN AGREED RECOMMEND THAT FONMIN CONTACT VREDELING TODAY TO SUPPORT INCLUSION OF "FACTUAL" LANGUAGE ON SPAIN IN DPC COMMUNIQUE.

5. EMBOFF DID NOT REVEAL FALL BACK LANGUAGE US PREPARED TO ACCEPT (PARA 3 REFTEL) BUT NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT ABSOLUTELY WEDDED TO WORDING WHICH WAS BEING PROPOSED FOR DRAFT. BUT, BECAUSE OF REASONS WHICH DUTCH WELL AWARE, IT IMPERATIVE THAT DPC COMMUNIQUE MAKE REFERENCE TO SPAIN.
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